

To whom it may concern,

I'm a Senior Electrical Engineer with Nordex Wind Power and I am writing you to fight for the extension of the PTC for wind power. I am already seeing the impact in the wind power industry because the PTC is expiring at the end of this year. I know great engineers looking for work in the wind industry and they can't find a position because not only are there no openings, but people are beginning to lose their jobs.

I am infuriated that oil and gas subsidies still exist and are being renewed, while renewable energy subsidies are being allowed to expire. Why are we giving subsidies to companies that are making billions of dollars in profit and funneling money to people and companies outside the USA? Why are we not supporting renewable energies that come from energy sources that don't run out and whose resources come free? Why are we supporting foreign big oil instead of fostering local energy and giving us independence from oil price movements and fluctuations in foreign oil supply in war torn countries? There is something severely wrong with this picture.

The US government should be fostering US based companies, which allows US workers to generate income, which allows us to spend it and generate income for other businesses and people. I travel a lot to various small towns where our wind farms are installed and if I lose my job, that mom and pop restaurant down the street and those hotels aren't going to see me or my money anymore. That town that was going to have the wind farm installed isn't going to have a wind farm anymore and it won't get the business from all the workers that come to install, maintain and run that wind farm. Removing the PTC doesn't only affect those in the wind industry, it affects everyone from small towns to the businesses that support the wind industry.

The goal is to create jobs for Americans, not create unemployment. The goal is to foster new technologies that grow US based companies, and grow the personal wealth of Americans, so that they can spend it and help other fellow Americans grow their businesses. Growth in the US, for the US.

Please support and fight for the extension of the wind power PTC. Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,

Charlie Stauffer